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Community convenes to address immigrant integration needs

By Nicole Beauvais, intern

On February 10th, members of the greater Colorado Springs community gathered at Colorado College to discuss an initiative involving support for immigrant families in El Paso County. The county, with Colorado College acting as the fiscal agent for the project, has received a grant of \$5,000 from the Colorado Trust to facilitate a community investigation of possible resolutions to immigrant integration issues. Using the findings of the planning inquiry, the county will then apply for a \$300,000 multi-year grant to implement its proposed plan. Those invited to the discussion included ESL students who talked about their experience recently immigrating to the greater Colorado Springs community. Also included were representatives from: Centro de La Familia, Latino American Health Network, Colorado College, School Districts 2 and 11, El Paso County Department of Health and Environment, Promotores de Salud at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Catholic Charities, and Lutheran Refugee Services.

During an initial meeting, participants formed into five groups, each representing particular areas of need for immigrants: Family Support Services, Education, Healthcare/Mental Health, Business, and Legal/Judicial. The subcommittees have met several times since that first meeting, and they made presentations to the February 10th group about their discussions.

From the previous meeting, the larger group had agreed to

include in their proposal funding for a community center for immigrants to help them navigate through the services of local municipalities. Services provided by such a center may include: legal help, medical help, information on ESL classes, and guidance on how to enroll its children into school. Each of the five subcommittees reported their ideal priorities for the success of a community center. The ideas are now under consideration by a newly formed committee consisting of at least two people from each subcommittee. This final committee will be responsible for constructing the final proposal for the Colorado Trust's review.

In the wake of recent legislation introduced by State Representative David Schultheis that would have barred local governments from providing services to undocumented immigrants, Citizens Project supports the work of this community initiative to improve the quality of immigrants' lives in El Paso County. Citizens Project continues to advocate for issues of tolerance and diversity in the community, including support for immigrant integration into the community at large.

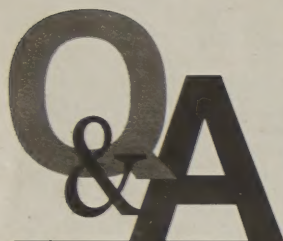
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*Responses to our survey, including full responses for at-large as well as districts 1 and 3 council candidates appear on our website,
www.CitizensProject.org*

**Name:** Scott Hents**Education:** MS - University of Nebraska, 1982, BS - United States Air Force Academy, 1975**Occupation:** Councilmember, City of Colorado Springs/Owner/Officer, Infinity General Contractors**How long have you been a resident****of Colorado Springs?** I first moved here in 1971 (my wife first moved here in 1969). We left Colorado Springs after I graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1975. We returned, as a result of a military assignment, from 1984-1987. We came to Colorado Springs for a third time, in 1991, and have lived here continuously ever since.**How can citizens contact you if they want more information (phone, email, website)?**

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Why are you running for City Council?

I have had the distinct honor, since April of 2003, to serve on a Council that understands the needs and priorities of our great City. I want to continue to serve so that we can build upon the strengths we have acquired over the last two years and to meet the many challenges of the future.

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I've been a proud member of this community for the majority of my life. I've enjoyed the privilege of being able to serve my country in the Air Force and the citizens of Colorado Springs as a family law attorney. It's now time for me to give back to this community by providing leadership and a vision for Colorado Springs.

Our community includes a growing immigrant population, a number of whom are undocumented. What role do you think the city should have in helping these families integrate with the greater community?

Assuming that these are legal immigrants, I believe that we should make every effort to provide jobs, education, and housing opportunities for them. Being in the construction industry, I realize what a valuable input to our local economy many of these new immigrants provide but it is incumbent upon us to make sure they are treated fairly and equally.

The city council should embrace our rich cultural diversity. The city should continually coordinate the emerging needs of new groups of immigrants with the capabilities of the many existing faith based and non-profit helping organizations in our community. The City should also encourage ethnic celebrations by providing for free: marketing, additional police support; and venues for the celebrations.

The city has a responsibility to provide an environment that promotes the health, safety and welfare of all residents.

Citizens continually cite the city's growth as a major concern. How would you balance the needs of infrastructure, the environment, and economic opportunities for the city, as a member of Council?

I believe we consider all of those items, and more, now. Every proposed development is somewhat unique and must stand or fall on its own merits. I believe that growth, when done correctly, contributes to our economic base and allows future generations to share many of the benefits of our City that we enjoy today. I think it is incumbent

We must begin by recognizing the cost of the city's growth and can do this by studying all the dynamics involved including what the developers pay. We should emphasize our tourism potential. As a member of the Trails and Open Space Coalition and a supporter of the RTA, I advocate for the balance of a preserved environment and thriving economy

Identify the strategic requirements for the city

Identify the necessary funding to achieve these objectives

If there are funding shortfalls, demonstrate that the funds are not available within the existing budget and clearly articulate the impact of not financially supporting these requirements

Encourage citizen input

Make the best decision that supports the city's strategic objectives

What do you think city leadership should do to cultivate stronger relationships with all citizens in the community, including minority populations such as African-Americans, Asians, and Latinos/as?

I believe we need to reach out to our minorities in job recruitments, and to foster an atmosphere of non-discrimination. I am proud of the fact that I was one of the Councilmembers who worked with individuals from Citizen's Project in formulating our written policy on non-discrimination and goodwill.

City leadership needs to address technology, talent, and tolerance. We need to become aggressively inclusive and appreciate diversity. We must encourage small, minority owned businesses, as well as the development of affordable lifestyle neighborhoods, instead of building cheap houses on the outskirts of town. These neighborhoods must include transit. We need to take advantage of all federal housing subsidy programs.

As a minority and city leader, I feel that it's my responsibility to meet periodically with representatives from various minority organizations in order to create a forum to address the growing needs within these communities.

The Citizen Charter Review committee made a recommendation to City Council that the voters approve a new nondiscrimination policy that included sexual orientation. Why is this not appearing on the ballot and how can the city address this recommendation in the future?

I am on record as saying that I was opposed to specifying any class of people as protected under the City Charter. I also stated that I wanted a broad statement that said we do not discriminate except for job performance.

A majority of our non-partisan city council is pandering to the "moral values" of some members of our community. City Council discounted the efforts and recommendation of the Charter Review Committee which I believe represented the majority of citizens in our city. I believe a non-discrimination policy on behalf of all citizens is the right thing to do.

City council limited the number of charter proposals to prevent "ballot clutter." We decided that limiting proposals would increase the likelihood of their passage. Furthermore, it's possible that other charter recommendations will be placed on the November ballot. With regard to the non-discrimination policy, I have already proposed a charter amendment designed to enforce federal and state equal protection laws.

What do you think is the most appropriate process for citizen input regarding the building of a city convention center? If given the opportunity to vote as a member of council on a proposal for a convention center, would you support it?

I have advocated for a Convention Center and was the only one on Council who wanted to proceed at this time to ask the voters for a LART increase to pay for it. Some would (and have) argued that my devotion to a convention center is because of my ties to the development industry. Maybe. However, I feel my position

We must trust the council to study the options and plan for the long-term wellness of our city. If they believe the city will be best served by subsidizing a convention center, they should educate the voters as they did with the RTA; then place the tax increase for the convention center on the ballot and allow the voters to

The most effective way for citizens to provide input into this project is to contact your council representative via phone or e-mail. It's also important for citizens to voice their opinion during public comment periods.

It's not appropriate to speculate on a convention center vote until council has finished the review of the financial viability of this proposed development.

What is the greatest challenge facing the community and how do you intend to address it?

I want to state this very clearly: I strongly believe in Colorado Springs and in the future of our community. I believe our greatest challenge is meeting the potential to grow into a City that has a thriving and more diverse economy, is an educational magnet, is a creative center for arts and culture, is considered a destination of choice

The greatest challenge is maintaining an adequate supply of safe water at a reasonable cost. We may seize all of the water rights we can, but at some point we will exceed the available supply. We need to lose less water by replacing infrastructure that has exceeded its useful life. We should implement conservation incentives and use non-potable water where.

Our greatest challenge facing this community is developing and implementing a strategic plan. I intend to address this by maintaining council's focus on three fundamental questions: What is it that makes Colorado Springs a great city? Why do people want to live here? What are the necessary requirements to maintain our quality of life?

Candidates were asked to respond to each question in 60 words or less.

DISTRICT 3



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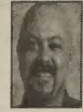
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How long have you been a resident of Colorado Springs? Colorado Springs native — 49 years

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My wife and I selected Colorado Springs as the place we want to live the rest of our lives. I want to use my business expertise and leadership experience to make this an even better place to live and work. I have plenty of energy and will be a full time council member.

I am running to continue the dedication to my constituents that I have shown in the last four years and to finish the work I have started on their behalf.

I feel I can help our government represent all taxpayers and ratepayers.

I am very concerned about various organizations creating a Ghetto in our city, as well as unstructured growth.

We should welcome all new residents and if undocumented, help them become documented and productive members of our community.

The role of city government is to ensure the safety of all residents, whether they are legal citizens of this country or not. That means fire and police protection, safe passage on city streets, adequate utility resources, and the like. I also think it's important for city leaders such as myself to be good role models for young people

All legal citizens should have the same help, what ever it takes.

Educate and introduce them to the demographic aspects of American society, the concerns of illegal immigration and how they effectuate our socioeconomic structure while respecting that they come from a different culture. Then identify like traditions that fit our structure, promote those aspects and then document them.

I am working with Richard Skorman to develop and fund a study on how the community can grow in a healthy manner. We must stop the use of facts and figures that both sides cannot agree on and replace them with facts from unbiased third parties. Growth is not a four letter word.

I would balance those needs as I have as a councilwoman. By searching for and considering the facts, by seeking the opinions of others, by considering the needs of all, and by making the best decision I can. If you are asking for some more precise formula, good luck. There isn't one. I suppose the one constant is I look

Accountability of our city government, our general city budget has increased from \$25 million in 1992 to 227 million in 2005. 20 + million in safety tax and 66 million in RTA, yet our services decrease every year

Pre-planned infrastructure is the key to growth. There should be parks and open space per pre-determined amount of population in any given area to be developed.

We should welcome and embrace diversity. If we don't we will become a second class community with no arts and no cultural value. We must stop giving this lip service and make it happen with leadership from the city council

I think that the city can make more effort to reach out to members of various minority populations to recruit employees, as well as reach out to young people to invite them into government and other forms of leadership in our community.

Create a friendlier kinder government for the people, all the people.

By not redlining any district and paying attention to equalizing city services such as maintenance, on all city owned property. Our city leadership could be eliminating negative artifacts, enhance the pride in all of our neighborhoods, leading by example is the key. Further, we should promote and yell from the mountaintop the ability of districts that are diverse and live

The council recommended replacing the listing of categories for non-discrimination with "No employee or citizen will be discriminated against for any reason". I believe this recommendation should be in the city's personal policies not the charter.

This proposal is not on the ballot because a majority of the City Council did not favor putting it on the ballot. I can speak only for myself in saying why I didn't support placing it on the ballot. One, I am of the belief that discrimination based on sexual orientation does not occur in the city government, and second,

City council decided not to place it on the ballot. Place it on November ballot.

This is the question of values rooted in moral integrity. The Constitution of the United States is a great document in that it allows for change when needed. Any non-discrimination issue should be based on our country as a whole preventing anyone from life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I will insist on a vote of the people before building a convention center. I will not vote to put it on the ballot until answers are given.

I think an RTA-style model for public and community input about the possibility of a convention center would be the best chance we have to secure public support for a convention center. As a member of the City Council, I have voted already to conduct two different analyses of various convention center proposals, but all are lacking in a sufficient

First we need to have a weekend council meeting at the city auditorium to discuss with taxpayers. Only if it did not come from tax dollars.

All cities need a convention center. It is very important for the city to plan the infrastructure in advance of the need. We should already have a convention center and all great cities such as ours need leaders who have the courage to make hard decisions, that is why we are elected to represent the people. Remember, in the words

Water is easily the most challenging issue and a lot is being done to address it. Another top priority must be improving our communities image as an intolerant community. I will work with CC and the business community to address this issue.

Water is the greatest challenge. I intend to address it as I have, through my leadership of city efforts to create intergovernmental agreements with the city of Pueblo and all other parties in the Arkansas River, work with Congress to pass legislation to study enlargement of the Pueblo Reservoir, and to secure agreement to build the Southern Delivery System.

Our government needs to be brought back to the Citizens of Colorado Springs. I will use my resources to make our government accountable to all of us.

Again, the greatest challenge facing the community is creating the perception that a ghetto exist and I intend to make sure through strong moral fiber and courage that one never will. First a ghetto manifests its self in the minds of a cities leadership before it becomes a reality.

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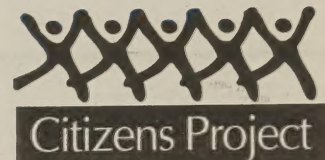
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